



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

August 15, 2018

Re: Notice of proposed changes to 47 CFR Part 36, WC Docket No. 17-144

Dear State Colleague:

On April 18, 2018, the Federal Communications Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking comment on proposed changes to the regulation of interstate business data services provided by certain rate-of-return local exchange carriers.¹ The Notice includes proposed changes to the separations category relationships for carriers that had previously elected to freeze those relationships.² The *A-CAM BDS NPRM* was published in the Federal Register on May 17, 2018.³

Section 220 (i) of the Communication Act of 1934, as amended, provides that “(t)he Commission, before prescribing any requirements as to accounts, records and memoranda, shall notify each State commission having jurisdiction with respect to any carrier involved and shall give reasonable opportunity to each such commission to present its views, and receive and consider such views and recommendations.”⁴

In order that the Commission’s decision in this proceeding be guided by the fullest possible record, we are providing each State commission with additional notice of the *A-CAM BDS NPRM*, a copy of which is attached with this letter.

Although the formal pleading cycle in this proceeding has closed, State commissions are invited to present their views and recommendations in accordance with the rules governing *ex*

¹ *Regulation of Business Data Services for Rate-of-Return Local Exchange Carriers*, WC Docket No. 17-144, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 18-46 (rel. April 18, 2018) (*A-CAM BDS NPRM*).

² *Id.* at 13-14, paras. 30-33.

³ *Regulation of Business Data Services for Rate-of-Return Local Exchange Carriers*, Proposed Rule, 83 Fed. Reg. 22923 (May 17, 2018).

⁴ 47 U.S.C. § 220(i).

parte presentations in “permit-but-disclose” proceedings.⁵ To ensure full consideration, written presentations should be filed by September 10, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Arluk', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Pamela Arluk
Chief
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⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.